

SOME TOUCHING SCENES.

Prof. Montgomery Addresses The Teachers at The M Street High School Preparatory to Beginning Work of The Year—A Masterly Effort—The Outlook.

On Saturday morning of last week, at 9 o'clock, the three supervising principals, Messrs. E. W. Brown, J. C. Nalle and J. B. Clarke, met their teachers for the first time since June. With

ones look younger; the young ones look better; the supervisors look happy (especially Mr. Nalle); the superintendent looks wiser; the trustees look extremely happy; they have been appointed for another term of seven years.

Mr. A. H. Stuart, superintendent, made the opening speech, in which he welcomed all of the teachers to their labors, and said, among other things, that he thanked God for such a man as Dr. W. S. Montgomery, who has been such a factor in the progress and else; the stout ones are not so stout; the thin ones are not so thin; the old



SUPT. W S MONTGOMERY.

smiling faces, improved minds and strong bodies, they greeted their fellow-workers with hearty, happy and sincere speeches of welcome. Instructions were given to all with the fondest hopes for a more prosperous year in all respects. After a general hand-shaking and greeting of each other, the teachers were notified to meet at the high school at 4 o'clock p. m. This is the only meeting during the year when all of the colored teachers are assembled in one place at one time, and the event is always anxiously greeted.

For fully an hour before the meeting convened, teachers and officers were



MRS. BETTIE G. FRANCIS.

gathering at the high school, the Alma Mater of nearly the entire corps.

The sight was truly an inspiring and interesting one to have seen hundreds of the brightest, most refined, most cultured and highly educated teachers in the United States as they assembled in the chapel of the high school.

The old "school ma'am" and the newly appointed "school miss" are here on a level; everybody greets everybody

success of our schools; he thanked God for the colored teachers, who are among the best in the country, and who are making our schools better every day by their patience, toil, excellent teaching, and by lending their heartiest support to the officers and trustees.

Mrs. Belle G. Francis and Mr. J. F. Bundy, the trustees, also welcomed the teachers, and commended them for leaving the city in the summer to attend summer schools, thereby improving their minds, and then going to the mountains, seashore or traveling about the country, thereby improving the body. The trustees desired to have these schools "models" in every respect and will recognize and promote those only who show merit and efficiency.

After suggesting "thoroughness, attention to small things, faithfulness and careful study of each child to suit his needs," they wished the teachers a very prosperous year.

Then Dr. Montgomery delivered the best address ever heard by the teachers of Washington upon such an occasion. For fully five minutes after he had finished, the walls rang, echoed and re-echoed with the prolonged and hearty applause of those who had listened for a long time to the beautiful thoughts as they rolled from his lips. Never before has he been heard to such excellent advantage. Never before has he risen to the heights of eloquence and beauty, never before has he carried his audience by storm to such depths of sincerity and love for their calling, to the sacredness of their duty and to the reward of the successful and honest work. "Self-reliance, self-knowledge and self-control," he said, "decide success in life."

An effort is being made to secure the address for publication.

The enrollment at Mrs. L. R. Clarke's school of dressmaking and millinery has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The main school rooms are at 1439 W street N. W., with branches at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, in this city, and at 1126 Druid Hill avenue, Baltimore, Md.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164 423 83
Due from National Banks ...	48,333 22
Banking House	14,000 00
Other real estates	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1 388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80
Paper currency	35,820 00

Total 391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	80,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit	96,786 28
Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74

Total 391,120

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home Contribution and can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 lot with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

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